- Attention to civilizational issues and issues pertaining to civic administration, good governance and also of social and cultural values; and
- Development of tourism circuits and tourism-cum-cultural hubs.

Development of Pushkar and Dargah of Ajmer in Rajasthan

1770. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any special scheme for development of the Dargah area of Ajmer and Pushkar in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the outline of the scheme; and

(c) by when the work on this scheme is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) A tentative scheme has been formulated. This scheme includes provision of suitable accommodation and public conveniences and development and protection of Pushkar Lake and Ghats under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

Development of places related to Mahatma Buddha and Lord Mahavir in Bihar

†1771. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal regarding developing the places related to Mahatma Buddha and Lord Mahavir as tourist places in Vaishali, District of Bihar is under consideration or is being implemented;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The Government of India has provided a sum of Rs. 587.31 lakhs for developmental activities in and around the Jain Temple at Vaishali (Vasokund) in Bihar. Further, a sum of Rs. 370.00 lakhs has been sanctioned for the development of tourist facilities at Rajgir, Nalanda and Bodhgaya.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

In addition, the site "Relic Stupa", related to Lord Buddha in Vaishali has been developed and conserved by ASI.

(c) Does not arise.

Development of tourist places in Jharkhand and Bihar

1772. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to State:

(a) whether steps have been taken for identification of the places of tourist attraction and facilitating developments of such identified spots in Jharkhand and Bihar, where not only the ancient monuments, particularly of considerable spiritual importance are located but also possess several sites with rich flora and fauna;

(b) if so, the details of action taken in this regard; and

(c) the action plan, if any, made during the current Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Tourism projects are identified in consulation with all the State Governments/UT Administrations and sanctioned on merits subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priority on yearly basis.

(b) and (c) the following development works were sanctioned in Bihar during 2002-03:—

Sl.No.	Name of work	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Improvement of Abhishek Pushkarni at Vaishali	75.00
2.	Tourist facility near ropeway, Rajgir	55.00
3.	Tourist facility at Kund	60.00
4.	Development of Bimbsar Avenue, Rajgir	50.00
5.	Tourist facility at Nalanda	25.00
6.	Development of Mayasarovar	150.00
7.	Development of Meditation Park	75.00
8.	Signages	15.00
	TOTAL:	505.00

No tourism projects were sanctioned in Jharkhand during 2002-03.